

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
EL PASO DIVISION

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U.S. ex rel. MESHEL, et al.)

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION)

Defendant.)

CIVIL ACTION NO. EP-02-CA-0525

**UNITED STATES' NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS AGAINST
TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION**

The United States respectfully advises this Court that the United States, on June 29, 2006, entered into a settlement agreement ("Settlement Agreement") with Tenet Healthcare Corp. ("Tenet") and its hospitals that has resolved a wide range of allegations. Among the topics resolved by the Settlement Agreement are allegations that Tenet's claims for outlier payments violated the False Claims Act, which have been raised by the relators in the instant case.

For the reasons previously stated in Tenet's filings, as well as the United States' filings in this matter, the United States continues to take the position that relators Meshel and Lam are prohibited under the False Claims Act from pursuing allegations against Tenet involving outlier payments. The United States nonetheless wished to apprise the Court of the Settlement Agreement, given the fact that its scope encompassed some of the allegations made by the relators. The Court should note that the Settlement Agreement expressly excluded the relators' kickback allegations, so the relators remain free to continue

to pursue them in the event that these allegations withstand Tenet's motion to dismiss.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: June 29th, 2006

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that copies of the foregoing United States' Notice of Settlement of Claims Against Tenet Healthcare Corporation have been served by Federal Express, next-day delivery and by email, this

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